

REMARKS

I. Allowable Subject Matter

At page 5 of the Office Action, claims 11, 12, 17, 20, 21, 28, 30, and 31 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but would allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim as well as any intervening claims.

In response to the objection, claim 1 has been rewritten to include the limitations of claim 11, and claim 11 has been canceled. Claim 12 has been rewritten to include the limitations of unamended claim 1. Claim 17 has been rewritten to include the limitations of unamended claim 1. Claim 18 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 20, and claim 20 has been canceled.

Accordingly, the Applicant believes that the application is currently in condition for allowance. However, if there are continuing rejections, please contact the Applicant's Agent so that the issue can be resolved promptly.

II. Additional Fees

It is not believed that additional fees are due at this time; however, if any additional fee is required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully Submitted,
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